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To Whom It May Concern:

After years of watching companies like Dell, Compaq, and Apple bullied by Microsoft, I had hope that the antitrust suit would reign in the monopolist. I was disappointed to hear things will be "business as usual".

I've used a variety of hardware and software platforms for the past several years, and I've seen several favorite applications die because they weren't born in Redmond. It's clear that Microsoft did not create products such as Money, Internet Explorer, and FrontPage in order to make a superior product: those products were created explicitly to destroy Quicken, Netscape Navigator, and Pagemill.

There are companies innovating out there, but Microsoft is not one of them. Deciding to allow them to continue on as they have been will only lead to fewer choices for consumers and more compatibility problems for anyone who doesn't run a Windows PC. Many companies and individuals are working towards creating standards for the industry, and Microsoft is doing its best to force everyone else to adhere to theirs. This is not right, and it does not benefit consumers.

I wish you the best as you evaluate this decision and work to better the state of computing for everyone.

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